

January 28

Acts 9:36-42

“Dead? Not Dead?”



³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. ³⁷ And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. ³⁸ And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. ⁴² And

it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

FOR THOUGHT

There are really amazing accounts of miracles in the scriptures like this one—from living to dead to living again. It's likely that most of us may not often, *if ever*, see such incidents in modern times.

So, what may be the purpose of having such re-telling as part of Scripture?

Is this something churches should aspire to—causing and seeing dead bodies come to life?

What would happen if this kind of thing started occurring around the world? If legitimate and verifiable cases of dead people being brought back to life were known, imagine what might happen.

Is it actually happening but is being covered up from the masses?
Does it not happen now, because it never happened? Are there no more major death-to-life miracles beyond the apostles and the “early church”? Maybe if they were rare occurrences then, they are probably just as rare today.

Are there other possibilities to explain why we aren't seeing people go from dead to not dead on an everyday basis, or at all?